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F. David Butler

South Carolina Public Service Commission

Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and First Communications LLC for (i) Authority for First Communications, LLC to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services throughout the State of South Carolina and (ii) Approval of the Transfer of Assets, including Customers, of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC to First Communications, LLC

Docket No. 2006-234-C, Our File No. 1202-11380

Dear Mr. Butler:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of the Motion to Present Witness Via Video Conference filed on behalf of the Applicants in the above-referenced docket.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning it in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni

Wendy B. Cartledge, Esquire

Ms. Mary Cegelski

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2006-234-C

In the Matter of)
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LLC FOR (i) AUTHORITY FOR FIRST)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC TO PROVIDE RESOLD)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF SOUTH)
CAROLINA AND (ii) APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF)
ASSETS, INCLUDING CUSTOMERS, OF ACCERIS)
MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC TO FIRST)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	

MOTION TO PRESENT WITNESS VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Applicant First Communications, LLC ("Applicant") respectfully asks the Hearing Examiner for permission to allow its witness to present testimony during the hearing scheduled for October 30, 2006 via videoconference. In support of its motion, Applicant respectfully states the following:

- Applicant filed the Direct Testimony of Mary Cegelski on September 18,
 2006, in support of its application.
- 2. Ms. Cegelski is currently based in Ohio. It would be a hardship for Applicant and for Ms. Cegelski to travel to Columbia to attend the hearing in person.
- 3. Neither the Commission, any party to this proceeding, nor the general public will be harmed or prejudiced if Applicant is allowed to present its witness by via video.

- 4. Finally, if after hearing by video, the Commission desires to have the Applicant's witness appear in person, the hearing could thereafter be continued to allow for such a personal appearance.
- 5. Counsel for the Applicant has consulted with Counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and it does not object to this request.

Wherefore, for the stated reasons, Applicant respectfully asks that the Hearing Examiner allow it to present its witness via video during the October 30, 2006 hearing.

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Columbia, South Carolina September 27, 2006

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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the **Motion to Present Witness Via Video Conference** via electronic mail service and by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed hereto and addressed as follows:

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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